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Microparticles in Fluid Samples*

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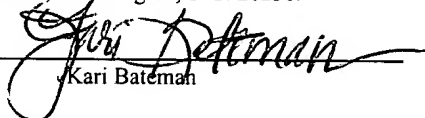
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment being filed in the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. All pending claims, whether or not amended, are presented below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (amended) A device for detecting a microparticle in a fluid, the microparticle being tagged with a fluorescent substance, the fluorescent substance emitting fluorescent light when exposed to electromagnetic radiation, the device comprising:
- a capillary [chamber] tube;
 - a fluid delivery system coupled to the capillary [chamber] tube, the fluid delivery system capable of [introducing] causing the microparticle and the fluid [into] to flow through the capillary [chamber] tube;
 - a source of electromagnetic radiation [positioned] for projecting a beam of electromagnetic radiation of predetermined size through to capillary tube in proximity to the capillary [chamber]

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